(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative what is the maximum limit of financial assistance to be given to such projects individually which may include land, building, office equipment, furnitures, kitchen facilities, airconditioning, preliminary and pre-operative expenses including interest during the implementation of project and contingencies etc.; and the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names/details of items which may be covered under the project cost, named above, individuallyfll

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The limit of financial assistance to any project under this sector is dependent on the status of the applicant unit. While the maximum limit of loan in case of proprietor and partnership concern is Rs. 60 lacs, in case of private and Public limited companies and Cooperative Societies, the maximum limit is Rs. 90 lacs subject to the condition that a debt-equity ratio of 2·1 is maintained.

(c) All the items mentioned in part (b) of the question are covered under the project cost

Appointment of Chief Election Commissioner

955. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN·

Will the Minister of LAF AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Seven Women's organisations protesting against the appointment of a civil servant as Chief Election Commissioner ignoring officiating as the acting CEC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Women's Organisations have protested against the appointment of the present Chief Election Commissioner and have urged re-consideration of the Government's decision;

(c) The appointment of the present Chief Election Commissioner is strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and there is neither any necessity nor is there any provision for re-consideration of the appointment made.

Import of Coconut Oil

956. SHRI N. E. BALARAM· Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import coconut oil;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kerala State Government has opposed this move as it is in contravention of the Centre's assurance in the past that it would not import Copra and coconut oil as it would break the backbone of the coconut cultivators in the State; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The Government has decided to import a limited quantity of Coconut oil mainly as a price stabilisation measure in the domestic market